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COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

A Discouraging  
Preface

RUSSIA'S pre-Geneva conference pronouncement released by the Tass news agency this week creates misgivings, not so much because of the repeated insistence that the Soviet Union and the Western powers should conclude a European security pact, but because of the implication that so far as Russia is concerned, there is no acceptable alternative. Highly discouraging is the Russian attitude to the question of reunifying Germany. Even before the "summit" talks can begin they have virtually decided there can be no ready agreement, and certainly nothing of a decisive nature. They indicate they are still unwilling to accept the West's conception of free elections in East and West Germany; and they continue to harp on the theme that West Germany's membership of NATO is a prime stumbling block to any reunification agreement.

Thus, unless there is any substantial change in the Russian attitude when the Geneva conference begins, the prospects of useful progress being made towards resolving the reunification problem are slight indeed. SIGNIFICANTLY the Soviet declaration referred to the probable necessity of dealing with the German problem "step by step." And the first step in the Russian way of thinking is a collective security organisation, open to every European nation, and not even precluding members of NATO outside Europe.

Russia endeavours to make this proposition alluring by emphasising that both East and West Germany would qualify for inclusion in the organisation. This, in point of fact, is the most disturbing aspect of the proposition, for, if accepted, it would defer indefinitely any positive action being taken to bring about Germany's reunification. The leaders of the Western powers have severely reiterated their desire to make German reunification the first and most important subject for discussion at Geneva. Russia's reply, expressed so typically through the mouthpiece of the official news agency, is in effect "not."

The Kremlin leaders apparently do not see any real urgency about the reunification question. All of the leading delegates have expressed hopes that the Geneva conference will yield something better than failure. Such caution typifies existing relations between Russia and the West and must be accepted with good grace. The waiting world, having been thoroughly warned that little if anything spectacular can be expected from the talks, will watch intently for any signs of willing compromise from both sides. Without any spirit of give and take the conference can and almost certainly will become sterilised and the high expectations of a new era of international relations obliterated.

P.G. Wodehouse Revisited

In tomorrow's China Mail, Rene MacColl pays a visit to "the performing flea" of British literature, that famous and prolific novelist, P. G. Wodehouse, creator of Bertie Wooster, Lord Blandings, Psmith and the inimitable Jeeves.

MacColl tells you in the best Bertie Wooster style why Wodehouse has chosen self-exile in America, why he will not return home although the controversy aroused by his wartime broadcasts from Germany has almost been forgotten.

This is only one of tomorrow's top-line features. And here are some others:

- ★ Sefron Delmer shows you a photograph and reports on the Malenkov comeback.
- ★ Wingate appeals to King George VI to clear his personal honour this week in "Gideon Goes To War".
- ★ "Murder Was Their Business", one of the world's strangest stories receding the Edinburgh horrors of 1828.
- ★ Also you will find: Jane Roberts' film reviews, Week-end Wodehouse, three pages of local and overseas pictures, sports reviews, cartoons, comic strips, crossword puzzles, and Gill's All in the China Mail.

Alleged  
Kidnapper  
Arrested

Harriman, Tenn.  
July 14.

Luther James Moss, a negro accused of kidnapping three small boys in Anniston, Alabama, was arrested here on Thursday in a stolen car, with the owner locked in the car's trunk.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Norman halted Moss for speeding and passing a red light in Harriman. While talking to Moss, Norman said he heard a noise in the trunk of the car, investigated, and found the car's owner, W. B. Kling.

Kling, also a negro, told police he had been held up by Moss, stripped of clothing and forced into the trunk of the car at pistol point. He was nude when removed from the trunk.

6 HOURS' CAPTIVITY

Police Chief J. L. Gok said Moss was identified by the boys from police pictures as the man who lured them to an abandoned housing project in Anniston on Wednesday and held them captive for six hours.

A search for the boys began when they failed to return from a hike. Later, the mother of one of the boys received a telephone call demanding \$8,000 ransom.

On Wednesday afternoon, however, the boys were found by two passers-by in an abandoned house, bound with leather belts. They were not hurt, but badly shaken by their experience.—Associated Press.

All Europe  
Swelters

London, July 14.

Forest fires in Sweden and water rationing in Denmark on Thursday brought new hardships to Europeans in the grip of a week-long heat wave. The seven-day death toll climbed to at least 70 as temperatures stayed well up into the 80's over most of Western Europe.

Shirt-sleeved Londoners spent the night cooling off in parks only to swelter as another scorching dawned. For the first time in Sweden's history, ice cream was rationed as perspiring citizens made a run on the shops. The temperatures soared into the 90's, the hottest since 1933.

In Denmark, people dropped with heatstroke and water was rationed. In Rome, two men affected by the heat hurled themselves into the Tiber from the city's bridges. Both were rescued, but 10 others have drowned among the 21 Italian heat wave deaths.—Associated Press.

RECORD TEMPERATURE

Tokyo, July 14.

Osaka, in Western Japan, had the hottest day in memory, breaking an 11-year-old record with the temperature rising to 93.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The previous record in Osaka was 93.2 11 years ago. Meanwhile the hot weather continued in Tokyo with the temperature rising to 90.1 degrees today, the central meteorological office reported.—Reuter.

H.K. GOVT BANS DANGEROUS  
INSECTICIDES  
Menace To All Forms  
Of Animal Life  
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS  
REPORTED

By Emergency Regulations published in today's Gazette, Government has completely prohibited the sale, purchase and use of a group of highly dangerous organic phosphorus insecticides.

This prohibition takes effect immediately. Possession of the insecticides after August 15 is also prohibited under the Regulations.

Persons contravening the Regulations are liable to a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for twelve months.

Authority is also given to the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to appoint inspectors for the purpose of enforcing the Regulations and to Magistrates to order forfeiture of insecticides if the law is broken.

Geneva Parley Will  
Be Absolutely  
Top-Level

Moscow, July 14.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin told reporters on Thursday night at a French Embassy Bastille Day party that the makeup of the Soviet delegation for Geneva—which includes Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev and Defence Minister Georgi Zhukov as well as himself—means "that this will be a parley at the very summit."

Answering questions from Associated Press reporter Richard Kasichke and US Charge d'Affaires Walter Walmesley, the Soviet Premier said: "The composition of our delegation is the very summit."

The goateed Soviet Premier added: "For instance, how could we discuss disarmament at Geneva unless Defence Minister Zhukov came along?"

Asked whether he thought that Zhukov and old wartime colleague, President Eisenhower, would take up their personal relations at Geneva, Bulganin said:

"The relations between President Eisenhower and Marshal Zhukov are personal relations and they will not particularly concern the Soviet government delegation."

Zhukov and Eisenhower have publicly stated that they have been in personal correspondence within the past year to help improve Soviet-American relations.

Premier Bulganin headed a group of top Soviet government and Communist Party leaders who came to the French Embassy to help celebrate the French national day. Bulganin, Khrushchev and others smilingly posed for photographers with the French Ambassador, Mrs. Charles E. Bohlen, wife of the American Ambassador, and other diplomatic figures.

SUCCESS TOASTED

Bulganin, Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders raised their champagne glasses in toasts to Franco-Soviet friendship and success of the Geneva conference.

Party boss Khrushchev said the Soviet delegation would leave for Geneva on Saturday.

Asked by Associated Press Kasichke: "Mr. Khrushchev, when was it decided that you would be part of the Soviet delegation?" Khrushchev replied: "What difference does that make?"

An Italian correspondent, inquired: "Mr. Khrushchev, it would make some difference to history."

The party leader replied: "What matters to history is whether we do some good work in Geneva."

Khrushchev then tried to get away from reporters. A reporter asked: "We understand

In an explanatory note to the Regulations, it is stated that these insecticides were developed from certain organic phosphorus compounds originally produced for war purposes. They have recently been imported into the Colony for sale to farmers. The commonest brands on sale in Hongkong are Folidol E-605, Fofex, Basudin 60-E and Daphar.

Even when diluted, these insecticides are highly dangerous to all forms of animal life and several accidental deaths, both of human beings and cattle, have occurred as a result of lack of appreciation of the extreme care necessary when using them for agricultural purposes.

It is therefore considered essential in the public interest to take drastic measures to preclude the possibility of further accidental deaths resulting from their use.

Farmers Warned

Warnings are being issued to all farmers, the Public Relations Office stated this morning.

The District Commissioner, New Territories, is issuing posters throughout the agricultural areas telling farmers of the danger and of the total prohibition on purchase, sale and use, and asking them to hand over all stocks they may have in their possession to the nearest police station, government agricultural station, vegetable marketing organisation depot or District Office.

The poster states that the farmers will be paid compensation for supplies handed in on or before August 15, after which date no compensation is payable and the penalties for possession apply.

Dealers in insecticides are requested to export stocks from the Colony.

He Did Stunt,  
Then Died

Rosburg, Ore., July 14.

A stunt driver slipped his car over three times in a speeding loop-the-loop attraction here and died after bringing the car to a halt.

Coroner L. L. Powers said apparently the jar of landing ruptured a blood vessel in the brain of Horace Earle Ivie, 30, of Oklahoma City, on Wednesday night.

It was the second death in Oregon this month in a thrill attraction, although the first that of a July 4-cyclist speeding down a ramp, stemmed from failure to complete the stunt. Ivie, who performed under the name Darlo La Costa, collapsed at the end of what appeared to be a successful performance.—Associated Press.

BOMB KILLS 7

Casablanca, July 14. Seven people were killed and 25 injured — all Europeans — when a powerful bomb exploded on a cafe terrace here tonight, according to official casualty reports. The cafe terrace was crowded with French soldiers and civilians when the bomb exploded, killing seven and wounding 25. The explosion occurred at about 10 p.m. and caused considerable damage to the terrace and surrounding area.

Two Tragedies Take Heavy Toll Of Life

Fifty Fight  
Crocodiles After  
Being Capsized

Nairobi, July 14.

Fifty persons fought for their lives among the snapping jaws of crocodiles on Thursday as their launch capsized on Lake Victoria in East Africa. Twenty-two of them died.

Those not killed by crocodiles were drowned within sight of shore.

The launch was headed for Mageta Island—Kenya's "Devil's Island" prison for fanatical Mau Mau terrorists—when it capsized. Among the dead were hard-core Mau Mau convicts and their African guards.

Survivors said they saw the prison commandant, Steve Caryl Marlin, 57-year-old Australian, start swimming for shore in the crocodile-infested waters. He failed to make it.

Lake Victoria, biggest in Africa and main source of the Nile, is remarkable for the sudden vicious storms that brew up there. Its deeply indented 2,000-mile coastline is alive with big game—herds of hippos capable of overturning launches, crocodiles which churn up the water in search of food.

Immediately after the accident, launches and Kenya police aircraft set off from Kisumu, on the northeast shore of the lake, to search the mouth of the Kavirondo Gulf for survivors.

The prison launch capsized in shallow water, only 50 yards off shore.

The island gaol was considered escape-proof. The only way out

was across a five-mile stretch separating the island from the mainland—and that was guarded by the denizens of the swampy coasts, crocodiles and hippos.

Marlin was so successful in building the camp which now holds 1,000 of the toughest and most fanatical Mau Mau terrorists that the Kenya government claimed for him to build other similar camps to house thousands more of the African terrorists.

The bush telegraph carried the news that Marlin had been "sentenced to death" many times by the zealous toughs under his charge, who set up a clandestine weekly court on the island. One such sentence was passed on him during his recent absence from the prison island.

"It's always a death sentence," he said. "It's getting a bit monotonous. It would be a change to hear they'd only sentenced me to a few years in the end of the world."

—Associated Press.

Storm Sinks Ship:  
33 Feared Dead

Veracruz, Mexico, July 14.

Panic broke out among the passengers on the small coastal freighter La Flecha as the vessel sank in the storm-tossed, shark-infested Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday night with an estimated 65 persons aboard, a crew member said today.

A total of 38 persons were feared lost in the tragedy, which took place in 15 minutes of stark horror.

A sudden storm tossed the 145-ton vessel about like a cork, terrifying the passengers. Men, women and children ran screaming back and forth across the deck in the darkness until the boat lurched to one side. Then they jumped to one side, still crying for help.

The Maritime authorities reported that 32 survivors had been rescued. Three bodies had been recovered, including those of two infants and an unidentified man. An estimated 30 other persons were missing and feared dead.

HELMSMAN'S STORY

Raimundo Rivera, helmsman, who was watch officer when disaster struck, told the story of the sinking. He said he was pitched into the water when the boat overturned. He clung to a floating refrigerator with one hand while fighting off sharks with the other.

The vessel sank less than an hour after leaving Veracruz in clear weather. No word of the mishap was received until last Wednesday, when two rats loaded with survivors drifted to shore near here. The lost vessel had no radio.

"There were no signs of bad weather when we sailed from Veracruz," said Rivera. "But suddenly, a strong wind arose, followed by high waves."

SHIP LISTS

"The wind caught the canvas awning stretched over the deck, which caused the ship to list and take several waves breaking on its side. Soon the ship was listing dangerously to starboard and all efforts to right her were in vain."

"Realizing the danger, the crew rose on the warning, but still the ship would not right herself. Panic soon spread among the passengers, who began to run wildly from one side to another as the ship lay virtually on her starboard in the running seas."

"Many of the passengers, their faces pale with terror, were hurled over the side by the

Sispera  
Children  
And Mother  
Reunited

Prague, July 15.

Mrs. Phyllis Sispera, tears of joy streaming down her face, was reunited yesterday with her three children. Today she will fly home to Britain with them, British sources here said.

The children—Jaroslav, Martin 12, Clarence David 11 and Jennifer Pearl 10—were waiting for her at a Czech children's home at Protivin, about 60 miles from Prague.

All three looked sturdy and fit. Mrs. Sispera drove from here in a British Embassy car to fetch them.

LAUGH AND WEEP  
Mother and children embraced, laughing and weeping at the same time when she told them she had come to take them home.

Until then they did not know that Mrs. Sispera had been granted permission by the Czechoslovak authorities last Saturday to take them with her.

They had not seen each other since Mrs. Sispera was taken to see them last week by Czechoslovak officials.

Mrs. Sispera has already had her luggage checked by Customs officials and has been issued with travel documents.

Her three children were all born in Britain but speak only a few words of English.

They came to Czechoslovakia with their parents shortly after the end of World War Two.—China Mail Special.

Second Newsman  
Sacked

New York, July 14.

The Daily News on Thursday discharged reporter David Gordon, who refused to tell a Senate sub-committee whether he had ever been a Communist. Gordon was the second New York newspaperman to be dismissed in two days for evoking the Fifth Amendment before the Senate Internal Security sub-committee in Washington.

On Wednesday, the New York Times dropped Melvin Bernol, a sub-editor. Both newspapermen told the sub-committee they are not now members of the Communist Party but they refused to say whether they had been back in the 1930s.—Associated Press.

Balcony Collapses:  
15 Killed

Algiers, July 15.

Fifteen people were killed and three injured here when two balconies collapsed in a block of flats, first police reports said early today.—Reuter.

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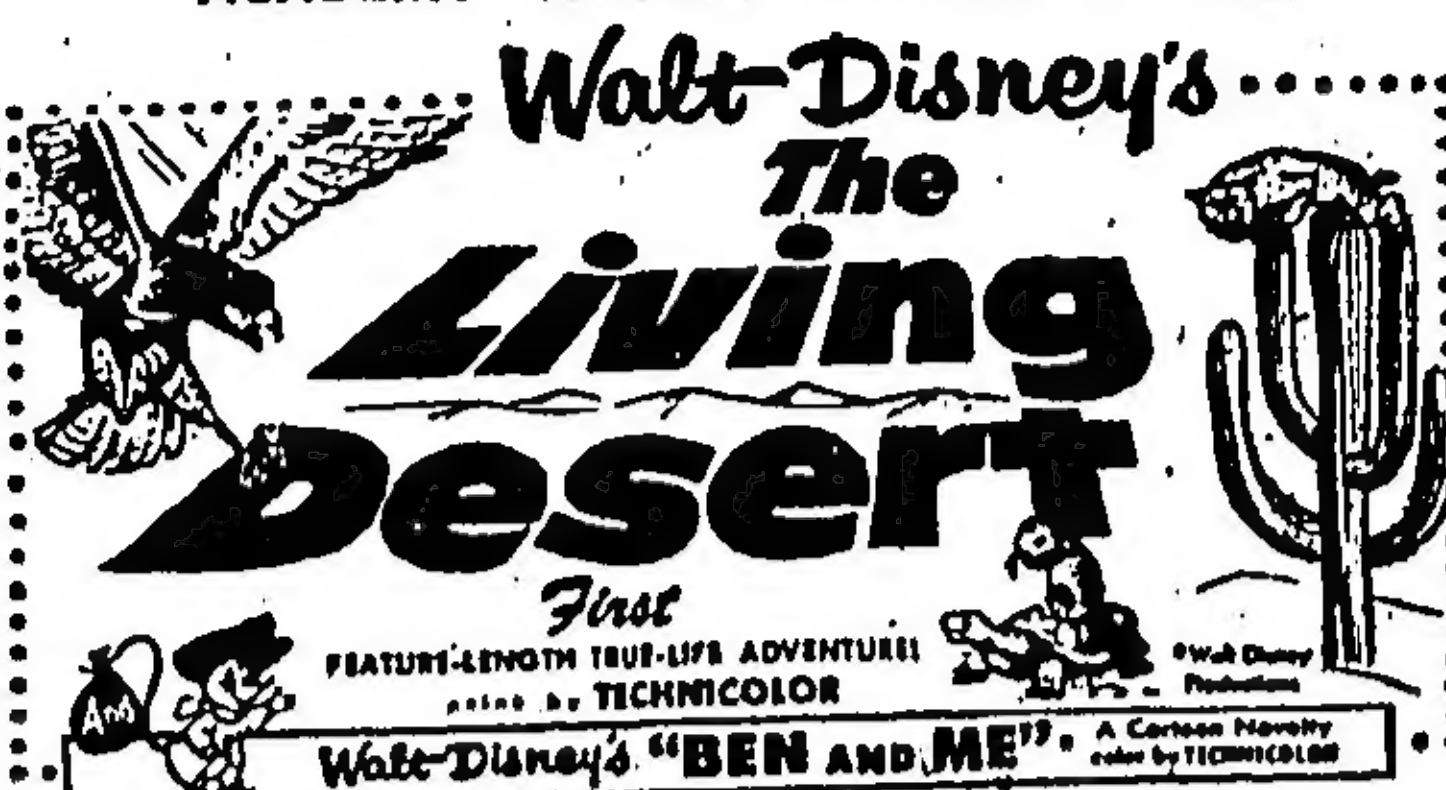


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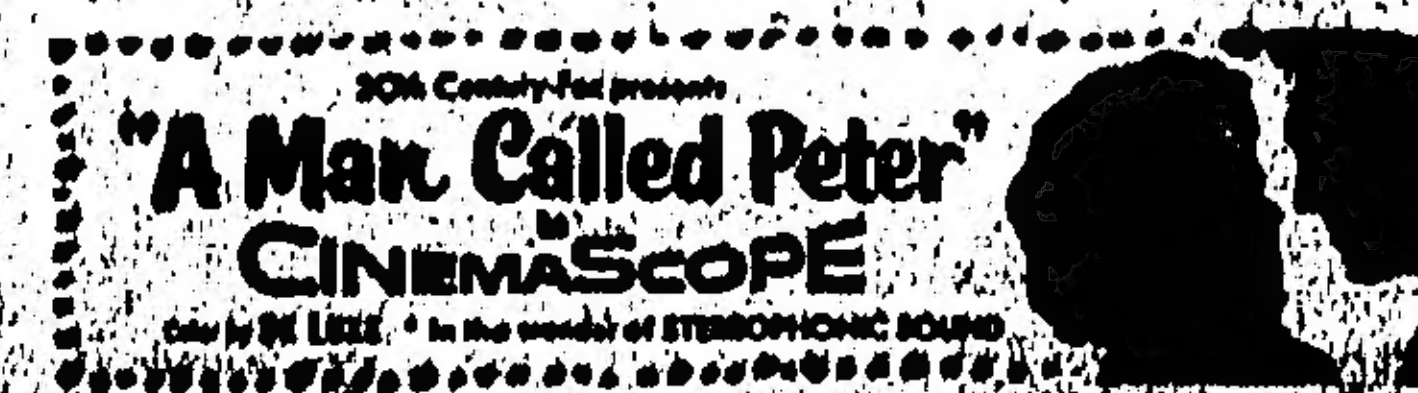
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## PROPER KIND OF ALLIANCE

## Egyptian Objects To Domination By Big Powers

TREATY WITH ARAB STATES

United Nations, July 14.

Dr Mahmoud Fawzi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said today that Egypt does object to any treaty that is a camouflage for domination of a small power by a big one.

He defined his Government's attitude at a 57-minute news conference during a visit to UN headquarters.

He cited Egypt's treaty with other Arab States as an example of the proper kind of regional alliance.

"What we object to is camouflage," he said. "Let me put it this way: we definitely object to so-called arrangements which really are not alliances but a reversion to domination and colonialism."

**WILL BE DOMINATED**  
"When a country much too weak is allied to one much too strong, what can we expect but that the former will be dominated by the latter."

He said he would not give specific instances, but he was pressed to define more closely a reference to smaller nations being "swallowed up" by larger ones.

Dr Fawzi replied, "To a good and great extent the United States has gotten rid of what used to be called here protection. Al Capone (a Chicago gangster of the 1920's) was trying to protect shops and meat stores from other Al Capones."

He would not go beyond that explanation.

Dr Fawzi said he looked forward "with hope" to next week's Big Four meeting at Geneva.

"I am glad to know that everybody is trying to ease world tension, if not eliminate it altogether at once," he said. "Our idea is that the two blocs should do as much as possible and go as far as possible to recede from each other instead of encroaching more and more on new areas and coming nearer to a collision."

## NO COMMENT

The Foreign Minister would not comment on his secret talks with the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dulles, in Washington.

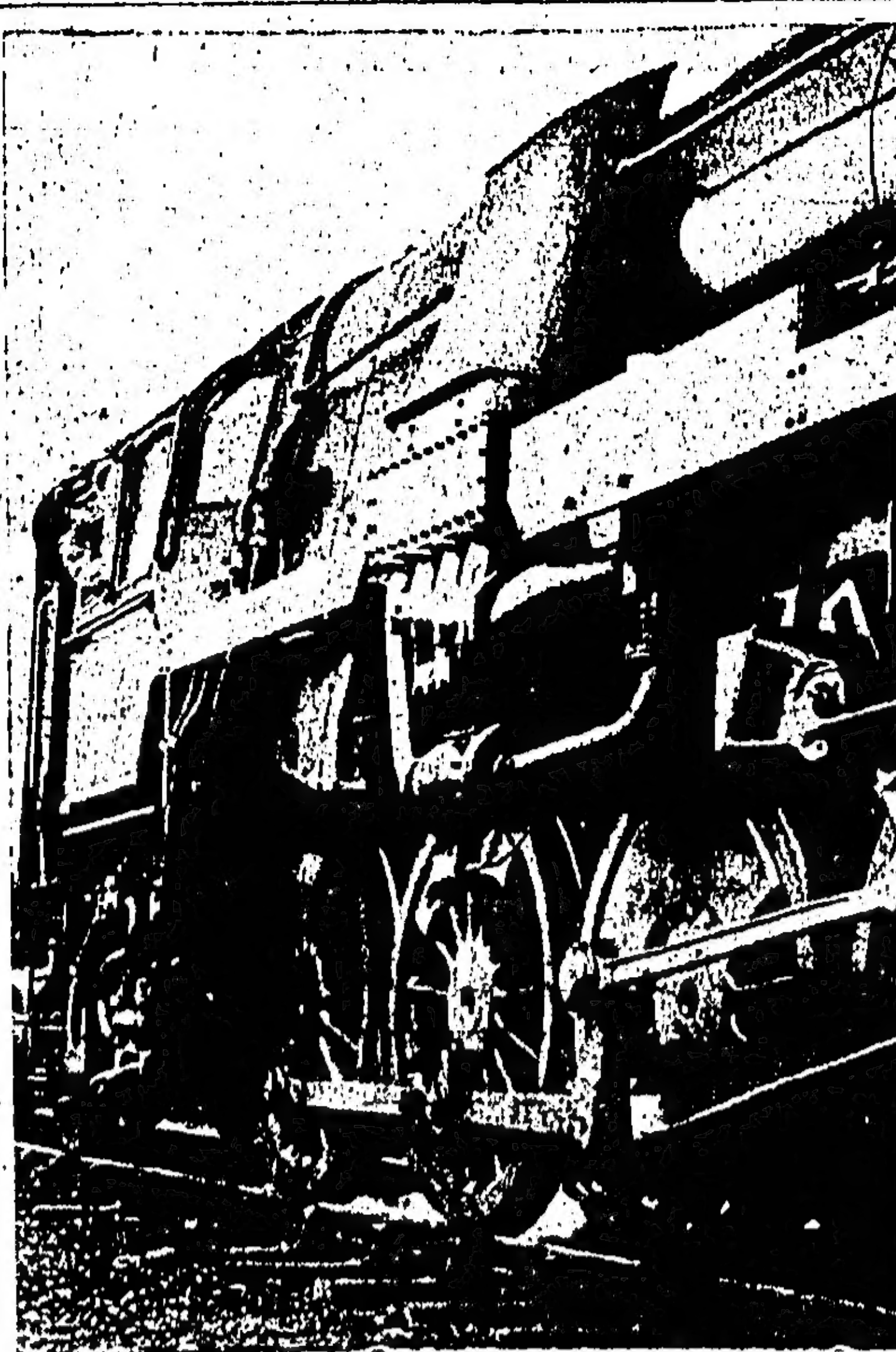
He was subjected to a barrage of questions by Israeli correspondents. For the most part he would comment on Israeli-Egyptian relations only in the most general terms. He repeatedly emphasized that Egypt does not recognize "what you call the State of Israel."

Dr Fawzi said the Egyptian Government was doing "our utmost" to give "our fullest co-operation to reduce to very near zero any recurrence of incidents" along the Israeli-Egyptian border.

"I wish to assure you that Egypt has not the slightest aggressive intention toward anyone whatsoever," he added. He also said that the Cairo Government will continue to insist on full Israeli recognition of the rights of Arab peoples in Palestine.

He was asked whether Egypt desired the resignation of Major-General E. L. M. Burns, the UN truce supervisor in Palestine.

"You can interpret it yourself," he replied. "We have given General Burns our full co-operation and at this very time we are holding meetings over which he is presiding. We shall do our utmost to make his work easier." —United Press.



This is the newest engine for British Railways now being brought into service. It is the 2-10-0 heavy freight locomotive—fitted with the Franco-Croft boilers and built at Crewe. She is the first of ten similar locos being constructed for British Railways—and is unique in as much as the funnel is built in on the right hand side of the engine. Picture shows the new engine on arrival at a London Goods Yard after hauling a load of 80 wagons of coal from the Midlands. Express Photo.

## W. Germans Form New Party

Bonn, July 14.

Two West German Ministers and five other Members of Parliament who left the Refugee Party this week-end have formed their own Parliamentary group, it was announced tonight.

The group, led by the Refugee Party former Chairman, Refugee Minister Herr Theodor Oberlander, and its founder, Herr Waldemar Kraft, Minister without portfolio, is expected later to ally itself with the main Government party, Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats.

## TWO OTHERS

Two other Members of Parliament who also left the Party, Dr George Koerner and Dr Fritz Czernak, have joined the Free Democrats, another Government party.

The remaining Refugee Party group of 18 members has pressed Dr Adenauer to accept the proffered resignations as Ministers of Oberlander and Kraft, so they can propose replacements.

The Chancellor is not expected to announce his decision until September, after the Parliamentary holidays. The Party majority group has expressed dissatisfaction on the Government's social policy, including its help to refugees and war sufferers.—Reuter.

## Lightning Lights Rockets

Paris, July 14.

Lightning late this afternoon set off a dump of fireworks, stacked near the famous Seine River here, in preparation for this evening's traditional Bastille Day display.

The lightning struck rockets and firecrackers on the Pont Neuf (New Bridge) causing the rockets to shoot into the sky, where their bursts mingled with continued flashes of lightning and falling rain.

The lightning occurred during a thunderstorm over the city.—France-Press.

## Kon Tiki Leader On New Expedition

Oslo, July 14.

Thor Heyerdahl, whose Kon Tiki expedition across the Pacific on a native-style raft made history, is setting out this autumn, on another voyage—in a trawler this time—to prove his theory of the migration of cultured peoples from the South American mainland to Polynesia.

His goal is Easter Island, 2,350 miles out in the Pacific visited from time to time by travellers since its discovery by a Dutchman in 1722. Those landing there have been mystified and overawed by huge statues, some placed on artificial terraces and others

still lying unfinished in volcanic quarries bearing witness to some long civilisation.

Mr Heyerdahl is taking his young wife with him and three archaeologists, including Edwin Ferdon, of the Museum of New Mexico in Santa Fe, an American well-known for his excavations in South America, a film photographer and a doctor who will make blood analyses among the Polynesian natives.

Mr Heyerdahl has revealed that Crown Prince Olav of Norway is patron of the expedition. The Heyerdahl expedition intends digging down in the

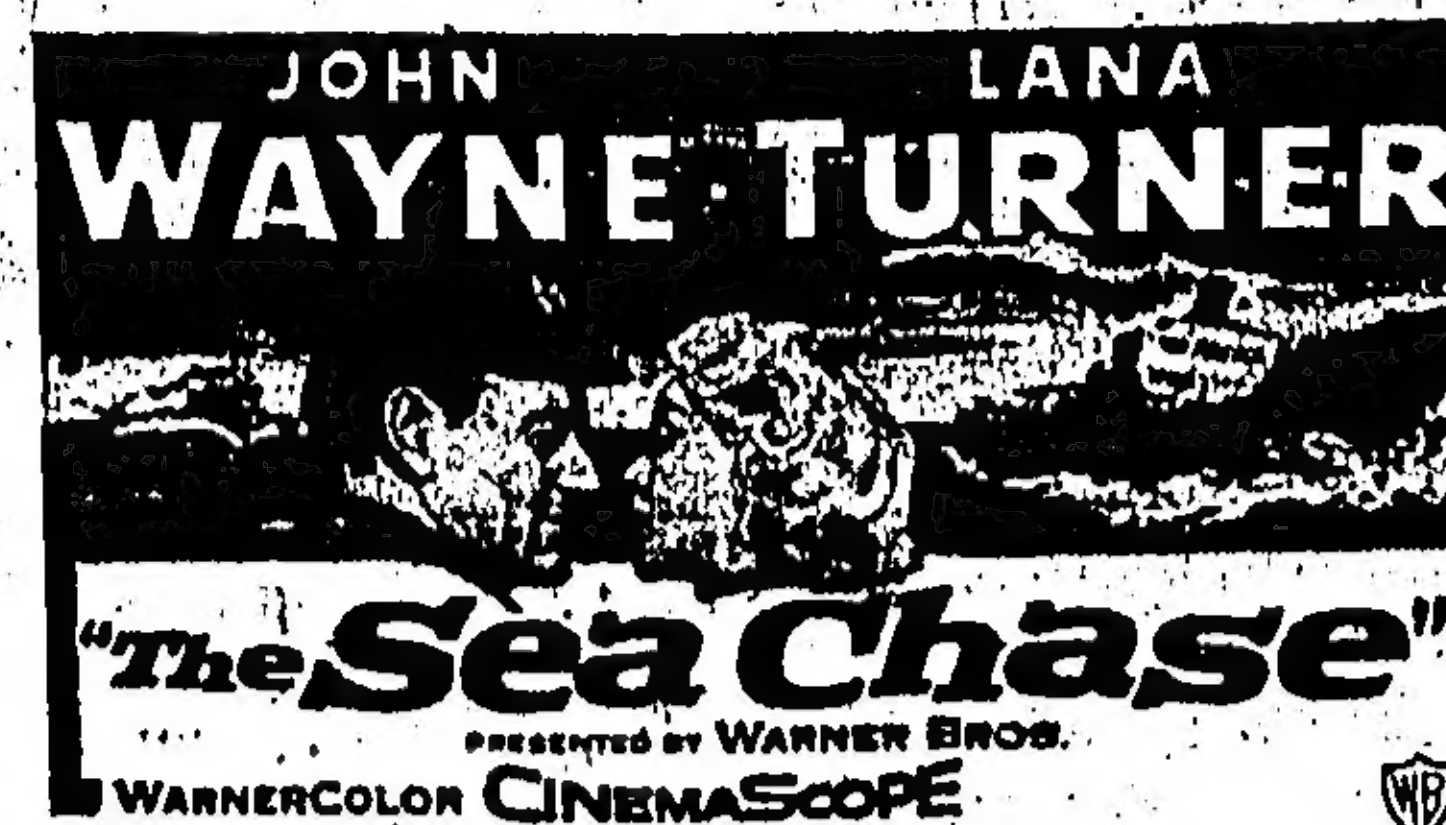
hope of finding the remains of homes, household goods and other pointers to the origin of the carvers of the statues. Native legends tell that the founders of this unique culture came out of the sunset. They had red hair and beards but some had dark and others fair skins.

Mr Heyerdahl thinks the Easter Island culture was brought from the Pacific coast. The Easter Island writings carved on stone and so far unidentified and undeciphered appeared to read left to right, then right to left and every other line is written upside down.—China Mail Special.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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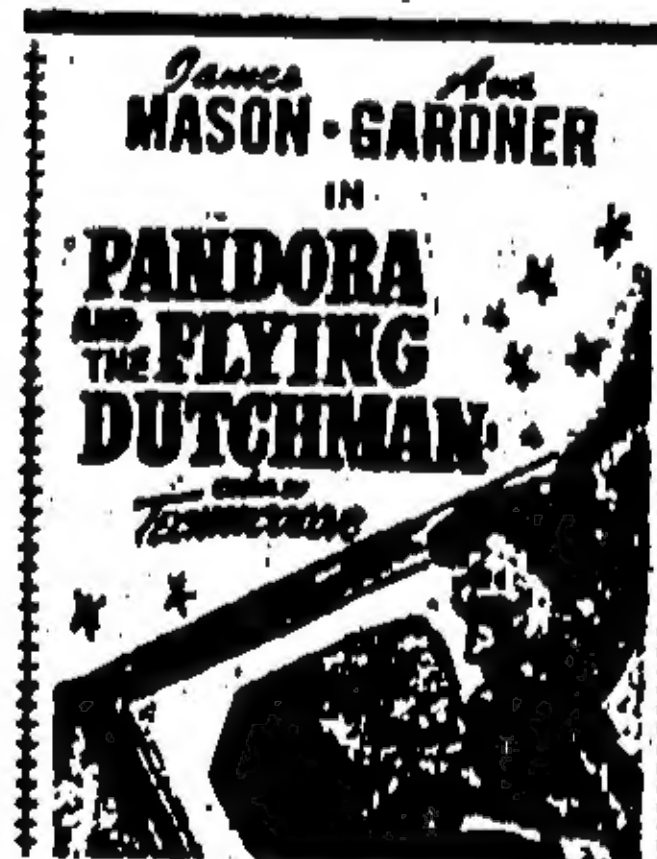
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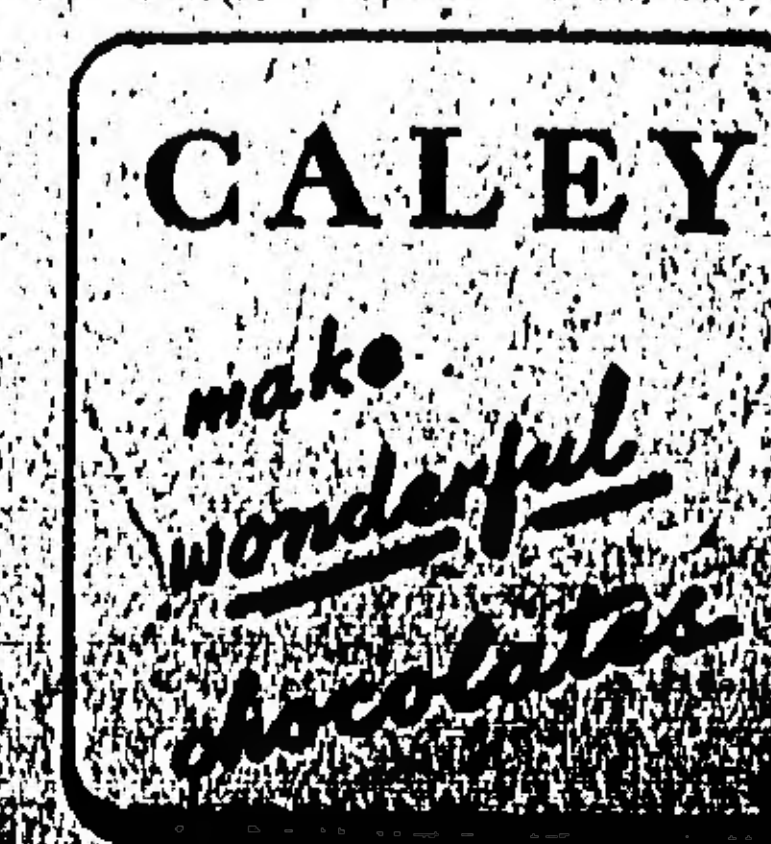
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# SOCIALISTS GET HEATED



DR EDITH SUMMERSKILL

## DR SUMMERSKILL REBUKED BY DUTCH DELEGATE

London, July 14.

Passionate exchanges over the Middle East almost deflected the Socialist International Congress from its debate today on Asian and African questions—and set it behind schedule for the first time since it opened last Tuesday.

Instead of disposing of Asia and Africa by this evening, the 30-nation Congress adjourned the discussion till tomorrow. It is due to complete its agenda by Saturday.

### PAPER ALLEGES

## Japanese MP's Entrenching Themselves

Tokyo, July 14.

The Asahi newspaper charged today that Japanese politicians are attempting to entrench themselves more firmly in office through amendment of the Fair Election Law.

The proposals were in the form of an amendment to the Fair Election Law.

The bill was presented to the Diet in late June by members of the House of Councillors representing the Democratic, Liberal and Green Breeze parties.

Its provisions, the Asahi said, would:

1. Restrict office-holders from resigning to run for the Diet, thus reducing competition for the incumbents.

2. Shorten election campaigns, a move which would put fresh-man candidates at a disadvantage.

3. Increase the permissible numbers of campaign posters and postage-free postcards.

4. Restrict newspapers and magazines qualified to carry free reports and comments on elections.

5. Prohibit public opinion polls on elections by newspapers.—United Press.

Norderney Island, July 14. Authorities of this West German seaside resort have decreed that cocks must not crow between dusk and dawn.

Cocks who disobey the ban must be slaughtered or taken outside the residential area. The order was made in the interests of tourists.—China Mail Special.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 3 Fills with reverential fear (6).
- 7 Vagrant (5).
- 8 Breaking out (6).
- 10 In abundance (6).
- 13 Precious stone (7).
- 15 Warmth (4).
- 17 Commissions (7).
- 18 Ordain (7).
- 20 Eagle (4).
- 21 Aiming-marks (7).
- 26 Refrain from (6).
- 27 Slipshod (8).
- 28 Tendency (6).
- 29 Fodder containers (8).

#### DOWN

- 1 Platform (5).
- 2 Mythical tale (5).
- 3 Musical work (5).
- 4 Mixture (4).
- 5 Bleach (6).
- 6 Spectacles (6).
- 9 Soften (6).
- 11 Colour (5).
- 12 Speak (5).
- 14 Fears (8).
- 15 Suspends (5).
- 16 Mine galleries (5).
- 18 Clergymen (6).
- 19 Trape (6).
- 22 Repose (6).
- 23 Duck (8).
- 24 Scriptural (6).
- 25 Social centre (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across 1 Record, 5 March, 8 Hild, 9 Taming, 10 Shire, 11 State, 12 Earl, 13 Arise, 15 Ricked, 16 Brite, 20 Speed, 22 Imps, 23 Sower, 25 Prize, 26 Earned, 27 Knits, 28 Idols, 29 Spams, Down: 1, Retreats, 2, Comprise, 3, Urns, 4, Pictal, 5, Mistake, 6, Adhere, 7, Curia, 8, Odorous, 9, Epitaph, 10, Redecore, 11, Streets, 12, Vessel, 21, Paved, 24, Rump.

### Move To Outlaw Communist Party

## German Court's Last Hearing

Karlsruhe, July 14.

The West German constitutional courts today held its final hearing on a Government application to have the Communist Party banned.

A Communist lawyer, Dr Friedrich Kaul, of East Berlin, alleged the Government had used forgery to back its case that the Communist Party was a danger to the constitution. The court adjourned for a time after he accused the Government of illegally searching Communist Party offices to gather material for their case, before bringing the application in November 1951.

After the adjournment the court President, Dr Josef Wintrich, said such statements were not admissible as they did not deal with the case before the court.

Her Fritz Rische, for the Communist Party executive, read a statement declaring that the applications were a blow against German unity and the German working class movement. The court will announce its decision later.—Reuter.

## Jap Will Try To Save Schweitzer's Eyesight



DR. SCHWEITZER

The Joint Secretary of the Asian Socialist conference, Madhav Gokhale, said Asia wanted to enlarge an "area of peace" and declared "SEATO and military bases will never bring us security."

Of Vietnam he said: "If there are elections the Communist North will sweep the board—and the whole country will be lost to us."

### PROMISED BETTER

"Guaranteed neutrality" promised better results in the other Indo-Chinese states and held the hope for a united Korea. It was "not a frightening conception," he added.

The importance of the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung, was that "Red China was brought face to face with countries which have apprehensions—and rightly so—about her. The declarations which Chinese leaders had to make there should be taken at face value," he said.—Reuter.

## Tenor Swallows Moustache

Vichy, July 14. Belgian tenor Jan Verbeeck swallowed his false moustache in the second scene of the opera "Mephistopheles" at the Grand Casino De Vichy last night.

The moustache stuck in Verbeeck's throat. He was on singing, however, and most members of the audience did not notice the incident.—France-Press.

### Long Way From Home



The clothes are bright and gay, and so is mother's smile, but little Oloria, 13 months old daughter of the Hon. T. O. C. Ollako, the new Commissioner in Britain for Eastern Nigeria, is not impressed with her first view of London.—Express Photo.

## DRASTIC CHANGES URGED IN MORALS LAWS

London, July 14.

Drastic changes in British laws dealing with soliciting by prostitutes have been recommended today by the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, it was announced today.

The recommendations were made in evidence submitted to the departmental committee set up last year by the Home Secretary to inquire into the laws relating to homosexuality and prostitution.

The Association approved the general principle of English law which ignores irregular sex relations between consenting adult men and women. It said "prostitution is a matter which concerns the conscience but which does not constitute a criminal offence" and a complaint by "an aggrieved person" should be required before a conviction could be made for annoyance or obstruction.

Stressing the importance of right education, the Association

## Vietnam War Warning From Thailand

Bangkok, July 14.

Failure by North and South Vietnamese regimes to hold negotiations concerning general elections before July 20 may lead to another war in Vietnam, according to consensus of opinion here.

White Mr Ho Chi-minh is very keen on elections it is generally known that Mr Ngo Dinh Diem's Government in Saigon does not want them.

During its brief stay in Thailand, a South Vietnamese mission is reported to have informed the Thai Government that Saigon is determined to delay the elections at all cost.

## TERRITORIALS INJURED

London, July 14.

Five Territorial Army men were injured when an Army lorry was in collision with a van at Otterburn, Northumberland, today.

All of the men belong to the 253 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery of the Territorial Army, and were on duty at Otterburn.—China Mail Special.

## BRING SPAIN INTO NATO

### US Recommendation

Washington, July 14.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee reported to the House today that it believes the addition of Spain to the NATO defence structure "would be a logical step toward welding together those nations that are willing to stand with us in the defence of a vitally important area of the world."

The Committee filed in the House a formal report on a resolution approved yesterday, expressing the sense of Congress that Spain should be invited to join NATO.

### IMPORTANT LINK

"Spain forms an important defensive link in Western European defence against international imperialism," the report said.

"The United States maintains important bases in Spain, and that country is co-operating wholeheartedly with the United States in its maintenance of those bases. It therefore is entirely fitting that Spain be invited to become a party to the North Atlantic Treaty."

The report also quoted the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, who said recently that the State Department would be "sympathetic" to Spain's membership.—United Press.

## Radioactive Paving Stone

Huy East, Brussels, July 14.

A radioactive paving stone has been discovered in a main avenue at Huy.

The radioactive stone, which has been in the avenue for more than 15 years, was discovered by the road maintenance service. The Town Council approved a motion to dig it up in order to find the quarry from which it came.—China Mail Special.

## Train Plunges Over Embankment

Bridgeport, Conn., July 14.

The engine and seven carriages of an express train plunged 35 feet over an embankment, near here, today, killing the driver and injuring 21 people.

The locomotive of the train, the Washington to Boston express, struck a shunting engine, injuring its driver.—China Mail Special.

## Sabotage Gang In Bagdad

Bagdad, July 14.

A Communist-inspired organisation "for sabotage" has been discovered by the Iraqi police, the Minister of the Interior, Said Gassim, stated in Bagdad today.

He said it aimed at causing agitation amongst the Iraqi peasant masses.

After several agitators had been arrested for cases of arson, it was noticed by the police that the fires always coincided with the distribution of leaflets against the authorities.

The distributors of these leaflets were arrested and their statements put the police on the trail of a complete sabotage organisation, with strong Communist affiliations.—France-Press.

## Tudor Work Found At Hampton Court

London, July 15.

Remains of 16th century Tudor work were uncovered recently during routine repairs at Hampton Court Palace once occupied by the much married monarch King Henry VIII the Ministry of Works announced.

A series of stone doorways which had communicated with the sovereign's apartments was revealed when paving was removed from a wall at the back of the King's staircase.

The doorways were mainly demolished by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect responsible for St Paul's Cathedral here when he built the present state apartments for King William III and Queen Mary II at the end of the 17th century.

One doorway leading to a blocked circular staircase still retains its oak door left behind on its hinges but is minus its lock.—China Mail Special.

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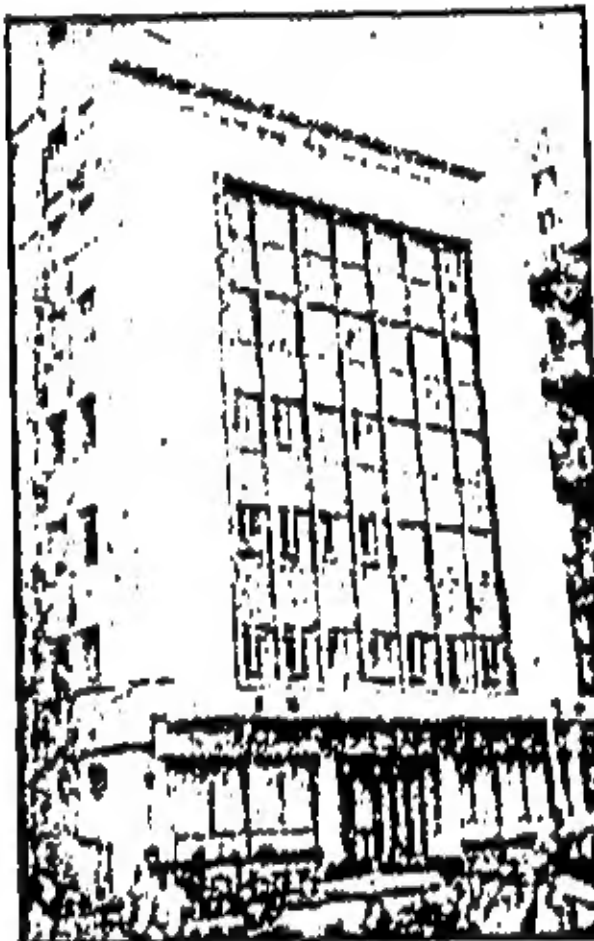
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WHEN a girl leaves home to join the Army should her mother be told where she is? YES, said a bachelor M.P. yesterday. NO, not always, said War Minister Anthony Hend, who is a father.

For sometimes he told his Common, who join up always, said a bachelor M.P. yesterday. NO, not always, said War Minister Anthony Hend, who is a father.

GILES . . .

AND THOSE ARMY GIRLS



"I'll bet a certain sergeant's parents don't give a damn where their daughter is."



## The Pasha's Cigarette

● No know that the funeral would become an excuse for a revolt . . . but the Pasha calmly went on smoking as the procession filed past. FACT or FICTION? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

I MET the Pasha once — shortly before he died. But he didn't tell me this story himself. I had it from a relation of one of his relations, but I hope it still bears some relation to the truth!

By then he was an old man, very distinguished looking and very tired after a lifetime of public service in Command of the Egyptian Police. Yet, even in prosaic London, he still had the romance of the East about him. And as I looked at him I could picture him easily enough, tall and straight and British, in his uniform, standing on the steps of a hotel in a Cairo square, a quarter of a century or more ago, on the morning of the funeral.

I don't know Cairo, but I imagine that a square in Cairo is, by and large, rather like a square in any other town. By that I mean that it no doubt provides ample standing-room for those spectators who, in any country, like to mill around a public ceremony of whatever kind.

### Erratic city

Not that the Pasha wanted this particular ceremony to attract a crowd. Far from it. In the sultry, explosive atmosphere of that erratic city, he would much have preferred it if the corpse of the Egyptian student killed in the riot on the previous day could have been borne to its last resting place in private and by night. But that was not to be.

After all, crowds love any display, and funerals probably best of all, especially funerals with a religious or a political background. Which background

this particular funeral had I can't remember, most probably both. But that doesn't matter.

What does matter is that the whole population of Cairo were determined to see it, and the Pasha knew that it was as much as his life was worth to try to stop them seeing it. All he could hope for was that the ceremony would pass off peacefully, that the body of the unknown Egyptian, who, through his death, had become a martyr overnight, would reach the burial ground before the crowd got out of hand, and that, finally, the citizens of Cairo would return to their lawful occupations without further bloodshed.

Yet, as he stood there, smoking a calming cigarette, while the funeral procession formed up, his nonchalant was only on the surface. For he also knew that, in all probability, the funeral was going to be used by disruptive elements as an excuse to touch off a revolt. He was, therefore, undeciphered by the stiffness in the square. He recognised it as that kind of tight silence that our own generation has learned to associate with the bursting of a high-explosive bomb.

By now, the leading files of the funeral cortege were moving past the hotel where the Pasha stood. But, as the tail of the procession reached it, just such an emergency as he had dreaded arose.

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They were the top drawer gangsters of the underworld and their "molls."

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For their host, thinking of America's numbers racket — sometimes known as "the square of Lake Forest" — was coming down the steps between the tall white pillars of his southern plantation-type mansion, outside Chicago, wearing Bermuda-style shorts.

Now that was a daring thing for him to do. For this was an

Somewhere beyond the opposite side of the square, further up the processional route, a hold-up had occurred.

Looking over the heads of the crowd, he tried to see the reason for it. But he couldn't see and, therefore, had to guess. And what he guessed was far from comforting — namely, that the funeral was going according to plan, that is to say, according to the plan of those who wished to turn it into a revolt.

### by WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOME



THE CHILTERN HUNDREDS and The Manor of Northstead are only a sample of the plays penned by the dramatist brother of the 14th Earl of Home. Half-Term Report, published last year, contained his candid commentary of his first 40 years — years into which he has managed to cram Eton, Oxford, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, acting in the West End, the Royal Armoured Corps, and persistent attempts to enter Parliament. He lives with his wife and two children at East Meon, Hants.

At any moment now, he felt, the rule of law might abdicate in favour of mob rule. And when that happened, in the middle of this unpredictable, inflamed, and far from friendly crowd, who knew where it would end?

The Pasha had a shrewd idea. It would end with a mass attack

Deliberately, without haste, the hand that held his cigarette came forward and he pressed the burning tip against the corpse's hand.

by the angry crowd on the symbol of authority, his own police.

He took another puff at his cigarette and listened for the sound of the first rifle shot.

By now the whole procession had halted right down to its tail, and the bier, with the corpse thereon, rested at the Pasha's feet at the foot of the steps.

### Not impressive

He looked down. He had never seen the body before. It had been guarded jealously overnight by those who meant to use it on the morrow for their own disruptive purposes. In itself, he decided, it was not impressive — only in the posthumous power which it exercised over the fate of the tens of thousands of people in that milling square did it assume a mantle of importance that it never wore in life. Indeed, it wore little else. Just a dirty cloth wound carelessly about its joints. Otherwise it was entirely naked, just as naked as the elemental pain-stricken fear of the unknown already spreading through the crowd.

The murmur grew, the crowd surged forward, and the police unhooked their carbines.

But the Pasha still stood, gazing at the corpse.

He knew that he must act at once to stop the riot. He also knew that on his action, and the outcome of it, hung the lives of many in the crowd and many of his policemen, and although perhaps he didn't think of it, his own.

But what was he to do? And if he did it, was it his imagination or a trick of sunshine or had he observed the least bit flicker of a movement on the martyr's bier?

Well, he would soon find out, deliberately, without haste, the hand that held his cigarette came forward and he pressed the burning tip against the corpse's hand.

### Scream of pain

For an eternal moment there was silence. Then the air was shattered by a scream of pain. And, as it screamed, the corpse leaped up and ran into the crowd.

Well, that, of course, was that. For no one, not even an

Egyptian, can stage a riot based on martyrdom if the chief actor runs out on his role.

I don't know Cairo, as I have already said, but I imagine that the Chief of Police, like any other Chief of Police, had access to a whisky bottle. If I'm right, and if the Pasha wasn't a teetotaler, I hope that I may be forgiven for assuming that he had a double in the hotel bar.

He certainly deserved one. So, I reckon did the corpse.

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### DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given with another story in this page by . . .

R. F. DELDERFIELD

Did yesterday's story — "Keeper of the Key," by Patrick, really happen? The answer is NO.

CHICAGO'S UNDERWORLD WEARS A NEW LOOK AT A . . .

## Garden Party For Gangsters

from NEWELL ROGERS

Chicago. BEJEWELLED, gaily gown women clustered around the spouting champagne fountain on the lawn turned and stared.

Blueblack jowls of men drinking beer out of solid silver tankards and eating barbecue steaks at tables under red, green and blue striped umbrellas stopped moving in amazement.

For their host, thinking of America's numbers racket — sometimes known as "the square of Lake Forest" — was coming down the steps between the tall white pillars of his southern plantation-type mansion, outside Chicago, wearing Bermuda-style shorts.

Now that was a daring thing for him to do. For this was an

ordinary garden party. The 300 guests from all corners of America had driven up in bullet proof limousines.

They were the top drawer gangsters of the underworld and their "molls."

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Never in the history of American gangsterdom had a mobster dared appear in sissy "short pants," hairy knees exposed. Here was Tony in blue figured sports shirt, dark blue shorts, high blue socks, black shoes — a picture of squat broad-chested elegance.

Monby for Tony's famous parties comes from the nickels and quarters of millions who play the numbers game in shifts from coast to coast. The player selects three numbers from one to 79 and bets they will come up in order of his selection in a drawing. The chances are 79,000 to one against him. But Tony runs the numbers game racket. It has made him more than a millionaire.

So he could easily afford the robes, the shoes, the hair, and the "molls" surrounding about the garden.

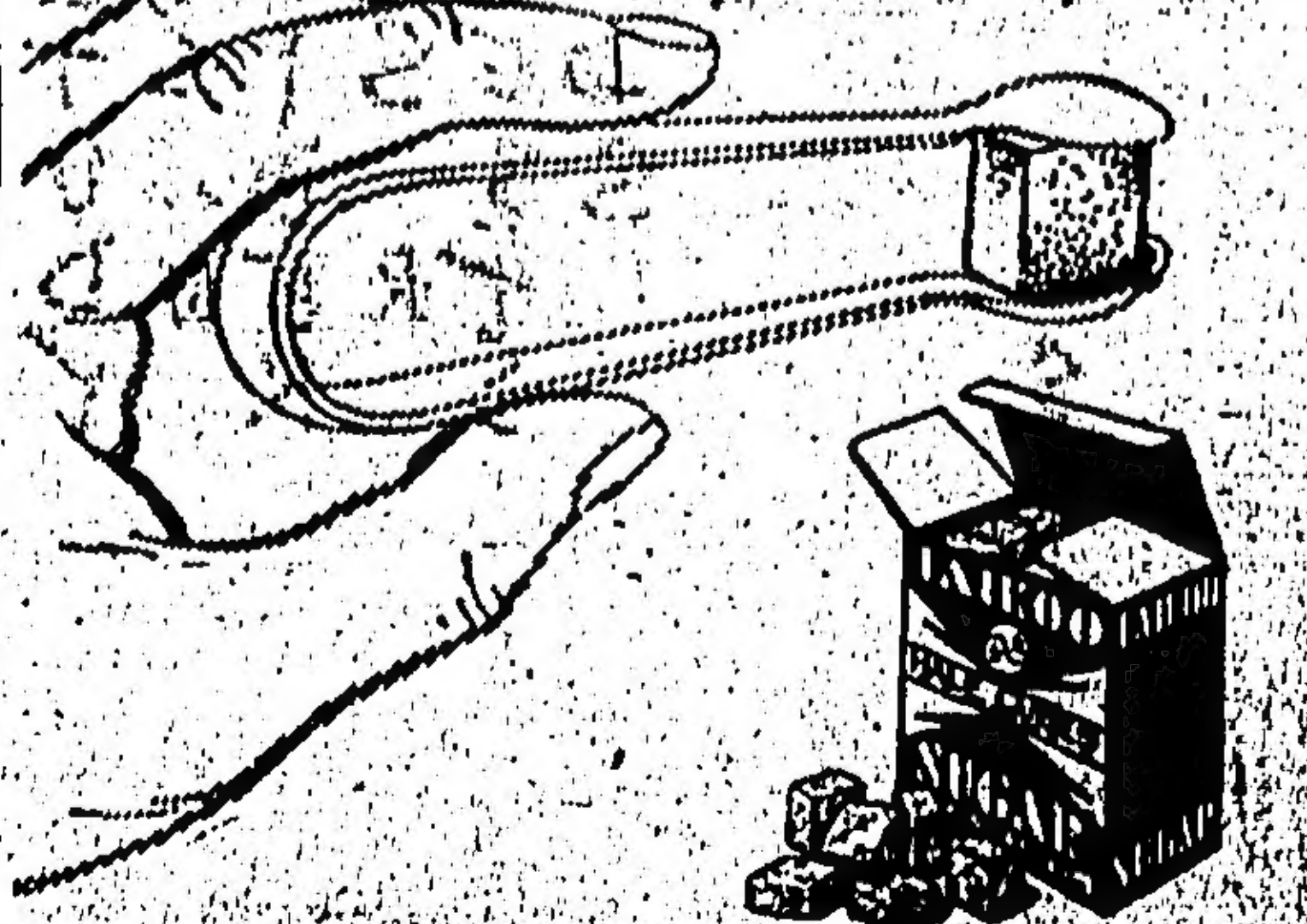
Quiside, two carloads of gunmen patrolled the streets to keep away busybodies, sightseers and possible assassins anxious to muscle in on the policy racket.

Every little while waiters poured two cases of champagne into the fountain to keep it bubbling. Beefsteaks and hot dogs sizzled in the barbecue pits.

Through the trees and among the rose bushes loudspeakers broadcast hot jazz and soft music. In the basement rumpus room the men shot craps and played poker with hundred-dollar bills.

Only one thing was lacking. The party didn't end as it would have in the old days with fireworks. For Tony was now

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# U.S. NAVY BEAT S. CHINA "B" 19-4 IN SUMMER LEAGUE SOFTBALL MATCH

The US Navy, represented by the USS Foss, broke into the winning column when the sailors trounced South China "Bees" by a 19-4 score in the Summer Softball League at King's Park yesterday. Victorious pitcher was Duane Bratton who was only relieved in the seventh by "Lefty" Frank Moore after the issue of the ball game was beyond all doubt.

Feature of the game yesterday was the prolific number of errors charged to the Caroline Hill "Bees", last season's junior leaguers in the Hongkong Softball Association Winter League. All in all, the Carolinians committed 20 errors against the Navy's five.

South China's outfielders, in particular, wilted under the long range hitting power of the sailors who hit moundsman George Chien 12 times.

The infielders also failed to impress. Unless the Caroline Hill squad show some improvement in their next game, their chances of beating the rookie Filipino Club team are not too bright.

The USS Foss, making their debut in the Summer League this season, were not at all strength. Their star pitcher, Bill Fowler was a conspicuous

absentee. It is understood that Fowler has quit softball for basketball. At full strength, the USS Foss finished third in the Pearl Harbour Naval Softball Competition last year.

But in pitcher Bratton, the sailors have a youthful and speedy ball artist. Yesterday's feat earned him 11 South China batters while reliever Moore was credited with three strikeouts. Chien of the "Bees" also struck out three. He went the full distance.

The sailors never looked likely to be seriously challenged.

From the very onset, they drew blood to score four runs on two hits and fielding errors.

Second baseman Hugh Gilbert walked; stole second and came home on Emmett Argo's hit for the initial run. The next run was scored when third sacker Bob Garcia stole home on Chien's wild pitch. A long fly by centrefielder Jim Maddock was muffed by R. Chow enabling Argo to cross the plate. Bill Black's neat hit to right field scored Maddock for the fourth.

REPEATED After holding the Chinese softballers scoreless in the second, the sailors repeated their first inning feat when Jim Wright, Paul Kincaid, Bob Garcia and Emmett Argo all came home to make the score 8-1. Feature of this cano was a three-bagger by Kincaid. As the USS Foss maintained their winning form by scoring runs in each inning, the Caroline Hill players made an endeavour to tighten up their game under pressure. They partially succeeded, permitting the sailors only two runs in the third, two more in the fourth and an additional three in the fifth.

Then came the best batting performance by rightfielder Bill Black when he homered in the sixth frame. His was the only home run of the day's play.

With the sailors in a commanding 19-3 lead at close of play in the sixth inning, coach Garcia had pitcher Bratton relieved of mound work.

Frank Moore came in at the top of the seventh and although he walked five Carolinians on unsteady pitching, he was successful in striking out three South China batters.

With bases fully loaded and two away, Moore put something extra into his pitching and fanned M. S. Lee in the most critical stage of the game. South China's threat to record at least two runs was promptly dismissed.

South China "Bees" have no better to compare with the US Navy's Paul Kincaid, Emmett Argo, Duane Bratton and Bill Black who secured two hits apiece. Others successful in the batting department were Bob Garcia, Bill Kiehligher, Eddie Alexander and John Davis.

The two Carolinians who impressed at batting were Peter Lai and George Chien.

Prior to the softball game, the USS Foss had a friendly baseball game against the USS Severing, the latter team winning by 7-0.

Followers of the Summer Baseball and Softball League competitions will be given another opportunity of watching the USS Foss players in action next week before they leave for Japan some time next month.

Other better than average results were 59.3 seconds for the 440 Yards Hurdles by K. Lukman, 11 feet 4 1/2 inches in the Pole Vault by Paul Singh and 43 feet 7 inches in the Hop, Step and Jump by Lee Wen-soon.

One of the best marks ever achieved in any athletic event in Malaya was Peter Grose's 159 feet 5 inches in the Hammer Throw in a Singapore meeting.

In another Singapore meeting, Tan Eng-yoon broke the Singapore record in the 220 Yards Dash, returning 22.5 seconds on a heavy track after a tropical shower. He also won the 100 Yards in 16.2 seconds, the 120 Yards Hurdles in 16.2 seconds and the Hop, Step and Jump with 45 feet 8 1/2 inches at the same meeting.

Rene Ballerand, formerly of Hongkong, set a Singapore record in the Shot Put at 41 feet 11 inches and won the Discus Throw at 127 feet at the same meeting. Col. C. J. Reidy, who represented Eire in the Hammer Throw at the Helsinki Olympic Games, won his specialty with a throw of 150 feet, five inches short of Grose's new record set a few days previously.

In another Singapore meeting, Kernal Singh, the reigning Malayan Pole Vault Champion, cleared 11 feet 7 inches.

In a meeting at Johore Bahru, Ungku Ebrahim became the first native Johore athlete to clear 22 feet in the Long Jump. His new Johore native record stands at 22 feet 1 inch.

TAIWAN MARKS North Taiwan beat Central Taiwan by 48 points to 46 in an athletic match at Taichung on July 3.

Asian Games Decathlon Champion Yang Zuan-quang was the star of the meeting, winning the 110 Metres Hurdles in 16.4 seconds, the High Jump at 6 feet 1 inch and the Long Jump at just under 22 feet.

Tsay Cheng-fu, another Asian Games athlete, was second in the High Hurdles in 15.6 seconds and won the 400 Metres Hurdles in 50.9 seconds.

WORKINGHAM STAKES Probable Runners And Jockeys

London, July 15. Nineteen probable runners and jockeys for the Workingham Stakes, big six-furlong sprint to be run at 1445 GMT at Ascot today are:

Princely Gift (L. Pigott), Moonlight Express (W. Johnston), Noble Charter (T. Gosling), King Bruce (E. Mercer), Alfa Caprice (K. Gethin), Cockrillish (G. Colver), Aberdare (W. Rickaby), Rocanare (G. Lewis), Spring Day (J. Forrie), Shandon Queen (C. Gaston), Pollan Lancer (E. Smith), Kenmore (D. Smith), Ashurst Wonder (A. Shelve), The Plumber's Mate (D. Keith), Veemillion (O. Toole), D. W. Morris, Rum Fur (B. Millbanks), Tiger (D. Greening), Mowdwell (C. Greening), and Boboli (W. Swinburn)—China Mail Special.

Ezzard Charles To Meet Jackson On August 3

New York, July 14. Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World, Ezzard Charles, will meet Tommy Hurricane Jackson on August 3 at Syracuse, sports promoter Norman Rothchild announced tonight.

Yesterday, Charles beat Paul Anderson on points over ten rounds. Charles is ranked as the number one contender for his old title. Jackson is ranked number two.—France-Press.

## THE HOADS SAY GOODBYE



After causing a sensation by being secretly married during this year's Wimbledon Tennis Tournament, Lew Hoad says goodbye to his wife Jennifer before he leaves London Airport for America to join the Australian Davis Cup team. Jennifer Hoad is flying home to Sydney immediately to set up a home ready for Lew's return in September.—Express Photo.

## Leicestershire Cricketers Dominate The Gentlemen Versus Player Match

London, July 14. Leicestershire cricketers have dominated the Gentlemen versus Players match at Lord's as today Charles Palmer, the County Captain, hit 24 fours in a splendid innings of 154 which was chiefly instrumental in the Amateurs gaining a first innings lead.

Yesterday Maurice Tompkin scored a century for the players. Palmer had admirable support from the Essex captain, Doug Insole, the pair putting on 195, Insole's contribution being 72.

Neville Rogers, the Hampshire batsman, was the victim of a double dismissal against Warwickshire. He was first given run out but then the umpire's attention was called to a dislodged ball at the striker's end so Rogers was officially recorded as having hit his wicket.

Middlesex were virtually all out for 80 runs against Lancashire as all their wickets fell after the opening pair, Jack Robertson and Sidney Brown, had put on 104 for the first wicket. Then Malcolm Hilton got to work with seven wickets for 65.

A storm interfered with play at Pontypool but may lead to an interesting finish. After promising well in replying to the Essex total of 329 for eight declared, Glamorgan collapsed to finish 111 behind. Dicky Dods, the Essex opening batsman, taking a turn with the ball to claim the last three wickets without conceding a run.

Then when Essex batted they lost some cheap wickets on a tricky pitch.

The pitch also played pranks at Nottingham where Derbyshire led by 107 on the first innings but were all out a second time for 122.

Cricket Tours Confirmed

London, July 14. Members of the Imperial Cricket conference held their annual meeting today at Lord's, London, and confirmed the following cricket tours:

1955-56 — New Zealand to Pakistan.

1956-57 — Australia to New Zealand.

1957-58 — Australia to South Africa and Pakistan to West Indies.

India have asked the MCC to send an "A" team to visit them in 1957-58 and New Zealand stated that they might ask for an "A" team tour in the near future.—France-Press.

Dusseldorf, July 14. The International tennis tournament at the Roehus Club here gave the following results today in the quarter-finals:

Miss Doris Hart of the United States beat Inge Buderus of Germany 6-0, 6-0 and Inge Pohmann of Germany beat Silvana Lazzarino of Italy 7-5, 6-1.

Jaroslav Drobny of Egypt beat Balostira of Switzerland 6-1, 6-1, and Hugh Stewart of the United States beat Guloz of Germany 6-4, 6-4.—France-Press.

## TOUR DE FRANCE

## Snow Capped Mountain Climb Reduces British Team To Five Riders

Briancon, South France, July 14. The snow capped mountains of the French Alps today reduced the British team to five riders in the gruelling Tour de France cycling marathon. Ten of them started out from Le Havre for the 2,786 miles tour.

Ian Steel of Glasgow was today's victim. "My legs were giving me so much pain that I just couldn't keep on," said the 26-year-old cycle mechanic from Glasgow.

Six other riders abandoned the race in this eighth lap over mountain passes reaching up to 8,385 feet, the highest in the race.

Steel trailed in the climb up the first mountain—the 4,900 foot Aravis Pass—at the 40-mile mark. It was tough going alone. He was the last to get over the top and was 13 minutes behind Charly Gaul, the Luxembourg leader.

Even on the way down he was unable to catch up a small pack of five, including Tony Hour of Ensworth, Harte, and Ken Mitchell of Kenton.

On the climb to the 8,358 foot Galibier Pass, Steel decided to abandon. He had covered 138 of the 168 miles at this stage.

Brian Robinson of Eddersfield, who finished 56th and first of the British in the lap said: "The climb up the Galibier was terrible."

MOUNTAIN TUNNEL. Hoad had had luck when he fell in the mountain tunnel just after the run down from the Aravis Pass. He was unable to catch up with the main packs and finished 97th.

Robinson had to change his bike blocks which burnt out on the way down the Aravis Pass. Mitchell had to do the same after the Galibier Pass.

Fred Krebs of Cambridge lost precious minutes after a puncture on the 5,150 foot high Telegraph Pass at the 123-mile mark. His portable compressed air bottle failed to operate and he had to pump up his tyre by hand.

Bob Maitland cycled a courageous stage today with a swollen left knee and a sore right leg. He was badly bruised and cut when he fell during yesterday's stage from Zurich to Thonon-les-Bains.

It took 60 miles of riding in today's lap to limber up his muscles. He finished 92nd, "but I feel happy after that," said Maitland afterwards.

Tomorrow's ninth stage: Briancon to Monaco. Those who abandoned today were: 1. Steel (Britain), G. Vocirings (Holland), Varmjo (West France), Remy (Southwest France), Hassenloeder (Northeast Central France), Soregloos (Belgium), Vitre (ile de France), Gorrit Vooring (Holland), believed to be suffering from a fractured pelvis and was taken to hospital here after a heavy fall.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS Overall individual classifications after the eighth lap were: 1. A. Rollan (France) 48 hrs, 33 mins, 35 secs.

2. Wim Van Est (Holland) 48 hrs, 41 mins.

3. C. Gaul (International) 48 hrs, 41 mins, 55 secs.

4. Wout Wagtmans (Holland) 48 hrs, 44 mins, 12 secs.

5. Fornara (Italy) 48 hrs, 44 mins, 38 secs.

6. Louis Bobet (France) 48 hrs, 45 mins, 8 secs.

7. Villetta (Southeast France) 48 hrs, 45 mins, 37 secs.

8. Frankman (Belgium) 48 hrs, 47 mins, 15 secs.

9. Robic (West France) 48 hrs, 47 mins, 54 secs.

10. Van Genschen (Belgium) 48 hrs, 49 mins, 56 secs.

BRITISH PLACINGS Official British placings for the eighth lap.

56. Robinson, 8 hrs, 8 mins, 49 secs.

63. Mitchell 8 hrs, 11 mins, 10 secs.

65. Krebs 8 hrs, 11 mins, 25 secs.

92. Maitland 8 hrs, 22 mins, 20 secs.

97. Hoad, 8 hrs, 29 mins, 19 secs.

TEAM STANDINGS Overall team classification.

1. France, 145 hrs, 7 mins, 47 secs.

2. Italy, 145 hrs, 43 mins, 13 secs.

3. North East Central France, 145 hrs, 50 mins, 50 secs.

4. Holland, 145 hrs, 58 mins, 34 secs.

5. Belgium, 146 hrs, 13 mins, 57 secs.

6. West France, 146 hrs, 20 mins, 47 secs.

7. Southeast France, 146 hrs, 30 mins, 31 secs.

8. International, 146 hrs, 37 mins, 8 secs.

9. Spain, 146 hrs, 38 mins, 43 secs.

10. Switzerland, 146 hrs, 52 mins, 52 secs.

11. Southwest France, 147 hrs, 23 mins.

12. Britain, 147 hrs, 38 mins, 35 secs.

13. Ile de France, 147 hrs, 44 mins, 10 secs.—France-Press.

## Budge Replaces Jack Kramer As U.S. Coach

New York, July 14. Donald Budge was today appointed coach to the United States junior Davis Cup team in place of Jack Kramer.

The Junior Davis Cup squad is made up of promising youngsters who hope one day to represent their country in the Davis Cup proper.

Kramer admitted that his contract was not renewed because of an article he wrote in which he confessed to having received money while he was a member of the United States amateur group.—France-Press.

## MOTOR CYCLING

## Britain's Geoff Duke Leads 500cc Class With 24 Points

Assen, July 14. World Motor Cycling Championships will be assured for Britain's Geoff Duke (Gillera) in the 500 c.c. class and Bill Lomas (Guzzi) in the 350 c.c. class if they win their races in the Dutch tourist trophy races here on Saturday.

If Duke wins, he will become the rider to win the same world title in three years' running.

With success in the Isle of Man T.T. and the French and German Grand Prix events, Duke leads the 500 c.c. class with 24 points. Lomas also has 24 points in the 350 c.c. class.

The Championships are decided on the best four performances in a series of nine events. The leaders are still quite open in the other classes. In the 250 c.c. only two points separate Hans Mueller of Germany and Cecil Sandford of Britain. Bill Lomas is a further two points behind. All three clash in tomorrow's race.

Two Italians, Carlo Ubbiali and Luigi Taveri, both riding MV Agustas, are battling it out in the 125 c.c. there, being only two points between them.

Three Germans, Willy Faust, Walter Schneider and Wilhelm Noll, a former World Champion, all driving BMW machines, are out in front in the sidecar class. Faust has 22 points, Schneider 10 and Noll 14.

Riders from 12 countries will compete in the events on the new Drenthe Circuit, which has been cut by a half to 7.7 kilometres (about 4 3/4 miles).

The course, which runs through woods and moors, is one of the best in the world, according to motor cycling experts. Riders have perfect visibility, at the bends and special measures have been taken for the protection of spectators.—China Mail Special.

## Byron Nelson Wins The French Open

Paris, July 14. Byron Nelson, former United States Ryder Cup player and American Open ex-Champion, today won the French Open Golf Championship on the La Boule course near Versailles with 69-65-67-70 for a total of 271.

He won by two strokes from Harry Weetman, the British Ryder Cup team member, whose four rounds were 68-66-70-69.

After three rounds Nelson led with 201 to Weetman's 204 and the real battle of the afternoon was between this pair.

They had been partners yesterday when each with 154 they shared the lead with Harry Bradshaw at the half way stage of the Championship. Bradshaw cracked this morning with 73 to lose his place.

CAUGHT AT NINTH In the final round Weetman caught Nelson at the ninth to which he took 33 compared with American's 36, but then Weetman's putting let him down and 38 for the homeward half against Nelson's 34 left the American winner of the title and a cash award of 350 pounds sterling.

Bradshaw, with a final round of 68, ran into third place with 275, a stroke ahead of Dal Rees (276) with Florio von Donck (Belgium) next at 277 and three players, Kel Nagle (Australia), Ken Bonfield (Britain) and Antonio Corda (Argentina) equal sixth with 278.—Reuter.

WORKINGHAM STAKES Probable Runners And Jockeys

London, July 15. Nineteen probable runners and jockeys for the Workingham Stakes, big six-furlong sprint to be run at 1445 GMT at Ascot today are:

Princely Gift (L. Pigott), Moonlight Express (W. Johnston), Noble Charter (T. Gosling), King Bruce (E. Mercer), Alfa Caprice (K. Gethin), Cockrillish (G. Colver), Aberdare (W. Rickaby), Rocanare (G. Lewis), Spring Day (J. Forrie), Shandon Queen (C. Gaston), Pollan Lancer (E. Smith), Kenmore (D. Smith), Ashurst Wonder (A. Shelve), The Plumber's Mate (D. Keith), Veemillion (O. Toole), D. W. Morris, Rum Fur (B. Millbanks), Tiger (D. Greening), Mowdwell (C. Greening), and Boboli (W. Swinburn)—China Mail Special.

Ezzard Charles To Meet Jackson On August 3

New York, July 14. Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World, Ezzard Charles, will meet Tommy Hurricane Jackson on August 3 at Syracuse, sports promoter Norman Rothchild announced tonight.

Yesterday, Charles beat Paul Anderson on points over ten rounds. Charles is ranked as the number one contender for his old title. Jackson is ranked number two.—France-Press.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK OLD BEN STRIKES

It was late in the evening and, outside a cinema, an old, rugged man stood, waving a stick in the air with wild, jerky motions, as though it were a baton, and he conducting some frenzied symphony.

People began to leave the cinema. They came first in a hurried, one-by-one fashion, then in a full, flood from stalls and circle to the pavement.

The old man let his stick fall and began to address the crowd, shouting at them a string of words as tangled as his long beard, that made no sense, but contained enough strong language to warrant an X-certificate.

**MOUNTING FURY**  
The crowd took no more notice than they were obliged to, and the old man's fury mounted as they brushed by, ignoring him.

Like a schoolmaster who has lost control of his class and of himself, the old man's stick and arm struck out at those of the crowd nearest to him.

There was not much strength behind the blows, and some who were hit, hardly noticed. Someone, however, sensing there might be trouble, sought out a policeman.

When the policeman arrived, the old man was stamping along the pavement, screaming at passers-by.

**LOOKING FOR A BED**  
Then, as four girls, arm-in-arm, passed him he lifted his stick to the outside one, hitting her smartly on the back. "Ouch," said the girl.

"Here you," said the policeman, "What d'you think you're up to? What's your name?"

The old man blinked at him through thick spectacles that were attached to his ears by strings. "My name's Ben," he said, "and I'm not doing nothing 'cept looking for a bed."

"I'm arresting you," the policeman said, "for using insulting behaviour, likely to cause a breach of the peace."

**BEN'S PAST**  
At Bow Street Ben pleaded guilty to this charge, and the story was told to Mr. H. H. Blundell, the magistrate, who, when it was done, asked the officer, "Is anything known about him?"

"He was here last month, discharged absolutely for being drunk," the policeman answered, "and in April, a medical report was ordered after he had been found guilty of using obscene language. On that occasion he was afterwards discharged conditionally."

"Is there anything you want to say?" Mr. Blundell asked Ben.

**ALIBIS**  
"Why, yes, sir," the old man answered affably. "If you'll give me a chance, I'll see if I can't get out of London. I'm all but 80, and I'll see if I can't stop this sort of thing. It's very, very wrong of me, you know."

"I think we'll look up and see how many times in the past,

## you've said you'll get out of London into the country," said the magistrate. He asked Mr. Blundell, the probation officer, to look into the old man's recent past.

Presently, Ben was brought back. "This man," he said, "is known to us by three different names. It's difficult to know what to do with him, but he's said he'll go back to the institution."

"Aye, aye, sir," Ben confirmed with a new cordiality.

This offer was accepted, and he was discharged. He jumbled away and anyone seeing him go would have thought him the meekest, mildest, although, perhaps also the dustiest old man in the whole of London.

## Big Plane In Distress

New York, July 14.—Rescue planes of the West Coast were called out on Thursday night to go to the aid of a giant air transport struggling to reach the Pacific coast from Hawaii with both engines on one side of the plane out of commission.

The struggling plane was one of the Strategic Air Command C-124 Globemasters being used in Operation Gyroscope.

At 7:10 p.m. it was reported 175 miles off the Golden Gate, with two engines dead and down to 3,000 feet altitude. Reports 40 Hamilton Air Force Base, said the transport was barely able to hold its altitude under the difficult conditions.

The Globemaster was reported to have a crew of 11. The 79 passengers aboard all are men of the 187th Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) who are being rotated to the United States after duty in Japan.

## Storm Sinks Ship

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rafts and others held on to pieces of float.

"In a short time, the ship turned completely over, its keel in the air. It sank within 15 minutes, creating a vortex which dragged many of the survivors down. They were 15 minutes of stark terror."

"I stayed afloat on a refrigerator until I was able to reach one of the life rafts. I shall never forget the moments of anguish I lived that night in a sea infested with sharks which I chased off with an iron rod."—United Press.

## RE-POSTED

With the approval of H.E. the Governor, Flying Officer S. G. Smith, formerly of the RCAF, has been posted to the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force Reserve of Officers by the Commandant. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

## America Has New Military Strength

Quantico, Va., July 14.—President Eisenhower declared tonight that his administration has improved America's military set-up, geared it for a "long haul" and equipped it with "unprecedented" new weapons.

His statement, on the eve of his departure for the Big Four conference with Russia, was made to the third annual conference of military and civilian officials on the status of US defenses.

Mr. Eisenhower's statement was read by the Defense Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, to the opening session of about 170 officials, including US commanders from all world theatres, at the Marine Corps base here.

The President expressed his "personal regret" that he could not attend as in previous years. But, he said, "The four-power conference must take precedence."

Against a backdrop of the coming Big Four conference, and Congressional concern over growing Russian air power, Mr. Eisenhower told Mr. Wilson he was "struck with the record of solid accomplishment under your leadership."

## NEW WEAPONS

"We now have a sounder organization administratively," he said of the defence establishment. "We have oriented our forces for the long haul. We have incorporated new weapons of unprecedented tactical and strategic importance."

Mr. Eisenhower expressed conviction that the current military conference which will hear reports on major US political and military problems across the globe, will "help improve the record still further."

He said it was a "trying and demanding task" to prepare future military plans taking into account all the economic, political, psychological and moral as well as military factors.

The Quantico discussions, "free from the distractions and interruptions of Washington pressure," should enable "us all to think more clearly about our nation's future international role," the President said.

## CRUCIAL ITEM

The conference was billed as an "informal" one with no plan to make firm decisions on future military strategy. But its roster of top military and diplomatic officials made it clear that such crucial problems as German rearmament and the Panama Straits would be discussed.

The challenge posed by Russia's strides in air power is sure to be a crucial item weighed by the military planners. Democrats in Congress have accused the Defence Department of a "too little and too late" policy in building up US air power to keep ahead of Russia.

The defence appropriation signed by the President yesterday calls for increased spending on long-range bombers—America's chief retaliatory weapon.

The theme of the three-day meeting is "international responsibilities" of the Defence Department. The officials present includes Mr. Wilson; the Army, Navy and Air Force Secretaries; members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and, for the first time at such a meeting, US commanders from major overseas theatres.

## PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

Underlining the administration's concern about retaliatory air strength, General Curtis Lemay, head of the long-range Strategic Air Command, was on hand for the secret talks.

Vice-President Richard Nixon will address the leaders, as will Mr. Walter Robertson, assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, and Mr. George Allen, assistant Secretary of State for Near East, Asian and African problems.

General Lauris Norstad, air deputy to General Alfred Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, flew in to discuss the North Atlantic Treaty picture. Admiral Felix Stump, US Pacific commander, was on hand to cover the Pacific military situation.

General Maxwell Taylor, new American Chief of Staff, was slated to brief the conference on Far East where he was until recently the US Commander.—United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"This one really will chase your blues away and put you in a gay mood!"

## AFTER THE GENEVA CONFERENCE Japan Envisages Full-Scale Far East Talks

Washington, July 15.—Japan diplomats in Washington expressed the hope today that next week's Big Four meeting in Geneva would indirectly prepare the way for an eventual full-scale peace conference on the Far East.

These sources spoke in terms of a conference to be held possibly in Tokyo between top-level representatives of the United States, the major European powers, including Britain, and France, the Soviet Union, Japan, India, the Communist and Nationalist Chinese regimes and other interested Asian nations.

Japanese thinking here apparently took into account United States determination not to enter into direct negotiations with Communist China alone on a simple military ceasefire in the Formosa Strait area.

It was equally aware of President Eisenhower's intention to reject any renewed Soviet proposal at Geneva for a five-power conference including Communist China but excluding the Nationalists to attempt to settle Far East disputes.

But Japanese officials maintained it was wise to believe that if the Soviet Union genuinely desired an accommodation throughout the world with the West, the Kremlin would press

## Tried To Steal Lead Cover

Three boys, whose ages range from 13 to 16, were cautioned and discharged for attempting to steal a lead cover when they appeared before Mr. J. E. Darling at Central Juvenile Court this morning.

The parents were each bound over in \$200 for three years to keep their boys in good behaviour.

Police told the Court that at about 11 a.m. yesterday the three boys were seen sawing lead cover of a metal case placed outside the Sheung Sing Torch Factory at Nam On Street. Two of the boys were arrested on the spot while the third escaped. Later in the day, he also was arrested.

Pleading guilty, the boys in mitigation said they had no intention of stealing. They thought the metal case was abandoned by the road side and they wanted to make some money out of it. With the money they said, they intended to buy food.

## Polling Stations Designated

The Registration Officer of the Urban Council, Mr. R. A. Bates, has designated the following places to be used as polling stations: (1) was announced in the Government Gazette today; Yau-mat Government School, Kowloon; The Basketball Stadium, Southern Playground, Wanchai, Hongkong.

## Failed To Submit Annual Returns

## Sixteen Kowloon Unions Fined

Sixteen unions in Kowloon were fined \$10 each by Mr. I. T. Morris in Kowloon this morning for failing to submit annual returns for the year 1954 to 1955 to the Registrar of Trade Unions before June 1.

Mr. H. Cruttwell, Registrar of Trade Unions, told the Court that the summonses had been taken out against these unions under Rule 5 (3) of the Trade Union Ordinance, which required every registered union to submit their returns to the Registrar covering a period from April of one year to March of the following year.

The returns were required to be submitted before June 1.

This year, as in every year, circulars were sent to all unions in March reminding them of the date.

Of the 16 unions before the Court, 11 had forwarded their returns after June 1, but five had still not done so.

Mr. Morris warned the five unions that they were liable to be prosecuted again if they still did not submit their returns.

## THE OFFENDERS

The unions were: Hongkong and Kowloon Button Workers Union; Hongkong Rattan Wear Merchants Association; Hongkong and Kowloon Western Style Furniture; Ladies Dress Makers Guild; Hongkong and Kowloon Tea House Workers General Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Foreign Wood and Teakwood Furniture Workers Union (Chung Wa); Hongkong Machine Wood Sawing Workers Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Newspaper Hawkers General Labour Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Printing and Dyeing Trade Workers General Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Garment Makers Free Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Ladies Dress Workers Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Ice-Cream Trade Free Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Cotton Spinning Weaving, Printing and Dyeing Trade Workers General Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Porcelain Painters Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Shoe-lace and Sole Workers Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Photographers Workers Union; Hongkong and Kowloon Artistic Wood-work Workers Union.

## MAN FACES 5 CHARGES

Chou Chien-kuang, a 42-year-old clerk, appeared before Mr. S. Magistry, this morning on five charges of attempting to obtain money by false pretences from Wong Shu-yin, wife of Dr Ng Yuk-kin.

The defendant, whose address was given as 23, Gillis Road, cockloft, a native of Chiklong, was remanded for three days, and the case is to be transferred to the Kowloon District Court for hearing on July 18.

Defendant was alleged in the fifth charge to have attempted to obtain HK\$5,000 by false pretences from Wong Shu-yin on May 19 this year for which he had arranged with a certain prosecution witness that she should give false evidence at the trial of Dr Ng Yuk-kin in the Supreme Court.

Four other charges were: 1. Forgery of a document with intent to defraud. 2. Endeavouring to obtain money by means of a forged document. 3. Uttering a forged document, alternative to second charge. 4. Possession of forged seals with intent to use them for the purpose of obtaining money by means of a forged document.

## Board Of Examiners

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. Paul Tsui Ka-chung and Dr P.A.M. van der Linde to be Members of the Board of Examiners; it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

## New Presentation Of Matric Results Explained

The reading public which has become used to seeing the names of successful entrants in the Hongkong matriculation examination listed under their schools, was surprised this morning to find the Hongkong University authorities had adopted a new system of presenting the successful candidates in alphabetical order, sectionalised under Hongkong and Kowloon.

A University spokesman, in reply to a China Mail inquiry, said the reason for the change was partly because it made for easier marking of papers, and also because the University authorities felt it more convenient for the public to find any particular name by glancing down the alphabetical list.

He added that the change was also influenced by a request from some of the schools.

## Five Have Appeals Dismissed

Five men made unsuccessful pleas for a reduction of their sentences when they appeared before Mr Justice J. Wicks at the Appeal Court this morning. His Lordship, in dismissing all the appeals, commented that the men had bad criminal records.

A Chiu-chow man, Chan Hok-chi, tearfully pleaded that his wife had suffered a miscarriage and he was in need of money for her treatment when he asked for a reduction of his sentence of two years, passed on him by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon on May 26, for house-breaking with intent to commit a felony.

Chan said he went to look for a friend to borrow money but was unable to find him. As he passed by a house on his return home, he went in and was contemplating whether to steal something or not when he was caught. He said he formerly worked in a factory but lost his job when staff was reduced.

## PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS

Mr Justice Wicks told him it was a serious matter to break into someone else's house and it was lucky the occupants happened to catch him. He also observed that appellant had three previous convictions, two of which were for office breaking. The appeal was dismissed.

His Lordship enquired of Mr Desmond Mayne, acting Senior Crown Counsel, if anything was known of appellant's family circumstances. Mr Mayne said he would have enquiries made.

Another man, Ng Chi, sentenced by Mr Creedon on June 7 to 18 months for house-breaking and larceny, pleaded that his wife became ill and paralyzed after childbirth and asked the Court to reduce his sentence for her sake.

Mr Justice Wicks remarked that appellant had broken into a house and carried away four chair-frames but it was fortunate that the owner saw him. Appellant also had previous convictions for larceny and for malicious damage. He dismissed the appeal.

His Lordship asked Mr Mayne if anything was known of the appellant's wife. Mr Mayne replied that the Police had her address and the matter would be placed in the hands of the Social Welfare Office.

## "HAD TO STEAL"

Mak Kwok, sentenced to two years by Mr Creedon on May 20 for house-breaking and committing a felony, said he was formerly a newspaper hawker and had been arrested and deported. He was unable to enter Chinese territory and returned to Hongkong. He tried to turn over a new leaf, but circumstances were against him and he had to steal to send money to his mother in the country.

Commenting that it was a flagrant case of house-breaking and that appellant had previous convictions, His Lordship dismissed the appeal.

Two men, Lai Choi and Kwan Hung, each sentenced to three months by Mr A. A. Huggins on June 20 for loitering with intent, also had their appeals dismissed. They were arrested when found loitering at 5.30 a.m.

Mr Justice Wicks told first appellant he had a very bad record, but second appellant had only one previous conviction. In the circumstances, His Lordship allowed second appellant's sentence to date from date of conviction.

## Thailand Trade Commissioner

Mr. Kob Khonghakul, has been appointed Government Trade Commissioner for Thailand at Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr Khonghakul takes the place of Mr. Sangha Sukhabul.

It was also announced that H.E. the Governor has resigned, provisionally, his post as Secretary of State, Mr. Chant Chaleomlanna as Consul-General for Thailand at Hongkong.

## TRANSFERRED

Sub-Lieutenant J. Kirkwood, Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been transferred from the Special Branch to the Executive Branch. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

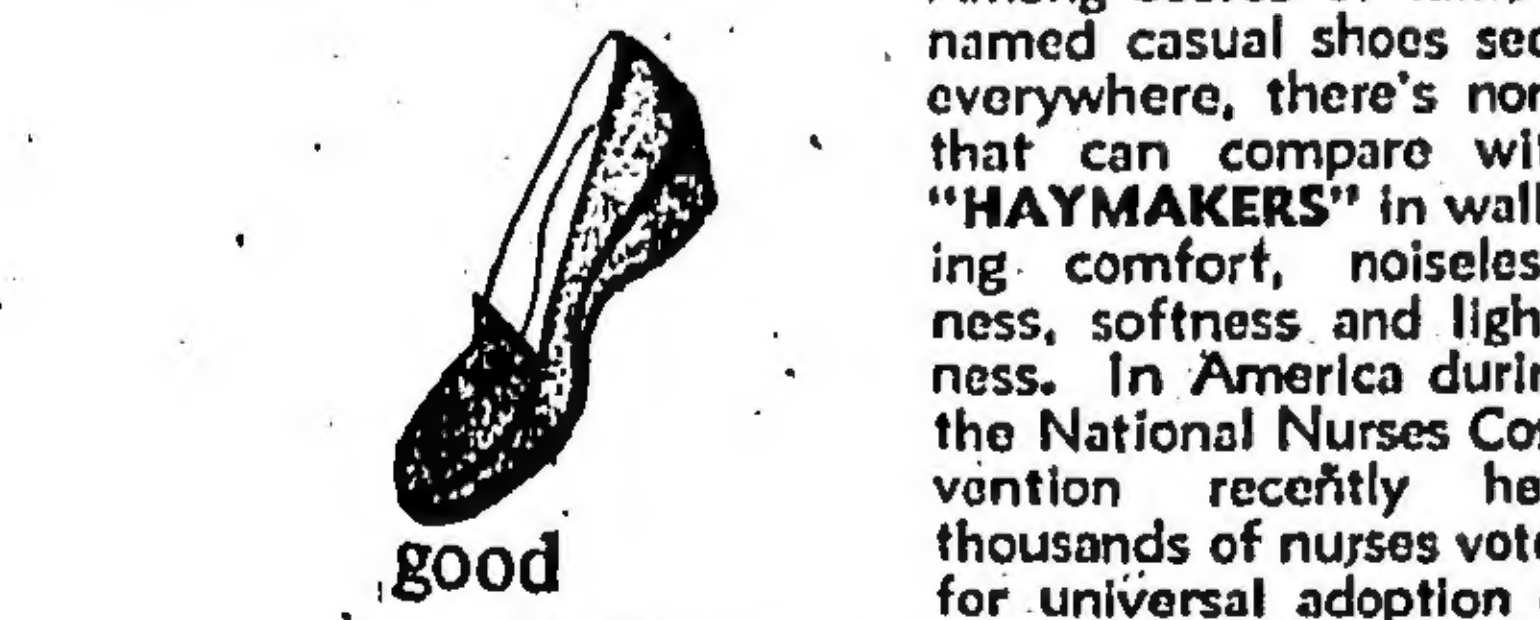
## Tenders Invited

Among the tenders invited in the Government Gazette today are two contracts for the construction of the Ma Tau Kok ferry pier extension, and for the erection of an extension to the Eastern Police Station at Gloucester Road.

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